

Gopher State Events Race Prep “Cheat Sheet”/Checklist

I. General Guidelines

- ☐ **All participants get a time and a place.** Work with the event director to determine when to shut down.
- ☐ Remember that **we rely on good interactions with our clients** to get a chance to return the next year.
- ☐ **Be professional. Be friendly but focus on the job** at hand and adhere to our process, being careful not to compromise on anything that might negatively affect our job performance.

II. Pre-Departure Checklist

- ☐ **PC prep:** charged, latest software, latest data, run updates, synch DropBox
- ☐ Make sure your **RFID box is charged.**
- ☐ **Charge camera and GoPro** AND MAKE SURE DISKS ARE EMPTY!
- ☐ Make sure your cell phone is charged. Have 612.720.8427 (Bob Schneider) and 612.616.8547 (Bob Bakken) programmed in.

III. Upon Arrival - Touch base with event director to

- ☐ **Verify start/finish** (if necessary)
- ☐ **Deliver bibs** (if necessary) and explain pre-reg/extras
- ☐ Verify **how race day registrations will be delivered** to tent
- ☐ Check on **awards (number of open/age group and duplicate awards)**
- ☐ Check **on hard copy results posting** (who, where, etc)
- ☐ Ensure they **collect AT THE MINIMUM from all participants** (encourage email, city, st).
 - Name
 - Age or DOB
 - Gender
 - **BIB NUMBER** (this almost always needs to be written on by hand and is often forgotten)
- **On-Site Set-Up** Get to site **at least two hours before the race** and follow this order:
 - ☐ Tent, computer, printer, hot spot (so data entry can begin)
 - **Test the printer**
 - ☐ Mats, timing boxes, power (duct tape Ethernet cable into PC)
 - ☐ Finish line fencing or cones
 - ☐ Start/Finish signage
 - ☐ Visible Clocks
 - ☐ Camera/Go Pro Stand
 - ☐ Login to <http://www.gopherstateevents.com> and open results screen in separate tab

IV. RFID Timer Set-Up (follow prompts on desktop sticky notes carefully, slowly, and calmly)

V. Check Events Screen settings on RaceWare software

VI. Starting the Race

- ☐ Start your **wristwatch**
- ☐ Then set the **start time on the RFID screen** on the software
 - a.** When your watch is at a whole minute+, click **Start Now+**
 - b.** Then subtract the whole minutes from the time and click **Set Time+**
- ☐ Once everyone has departed, **collect chip start data**
- ☐ Set **race delay** if necessary on Results screen if necessary
- ☐ Start **visible clocks**
- ☐ Write down & enter on the RFID screen **the bib and time of the winner** from wristwatch

VII. During the Race

- ☐ **Check system results for winner** against your manual time to ensure all is correct.
- ☐ Follow the pattern: Append-Upload-Check Results Online-Send Results email.
- ☐ Occasionally check to see that all is good (start times, etc)

VIII. At the End of the Race

- ☐ Make sure **all participants have finished** before shutting down. Stop the timing system last.
- ☐ **Print AWARDS** results on demand for event director
- ☐ If possible, **touch base with the event director** to thank them

IX. Post Race

Before shutting the computer down, do the following:

- ☐ **Create ALL text files**
- ☐ **Upload the race file** to Dropbox-Race Files
- ☐ **Upload data** from RFID screen (raw data, reads, and start data for sure, others as needed)
- ☐ **Make pictures available** upon returning home